



***IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE***

Applicant: Makoto OTAKE et al.

Title: REGENERATION OF PARTICULATE FILTER

Appl. No.: 10/790,119

Filing Date: 03/02/2004

Examiner: D. Tran

Art Unit: 3748

**AMENDMENT AND REPLY UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111**

**Mail Stop Amendment**

Commissioner for Patents

P.O. Box 1450

Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This communication is responsive to the Non-Final Office Action dated September 29, 2004, concerning the above-referenced patent application.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this document.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 7 of this document.

Please amend the application as follows: